

# Notice of Exemption

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**From:** California Regional Water Quality  
Control Board, San Diego Region  
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92108

**Project Title:** 42150 I-805 DDO Failed Culvert Replacement Project

**Project Applicant:** California Department of Transportation – District 11

**Project Location – Specific:** Intersection of I-805 and H Street/Latitude: 32°38'29.5"N,  
Longitude: 117°03'17.6"W

**Project Location – City:** Chula Vista

**Project Location:** San Diego

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Applicant proposes to replace an existing double 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) culvert system. The existing culvert system (DS# 57805000784) is failing due to cracks, spalling, exposed reinforcement bar, joint separation, shape deformity, and misalignment. The extent of damage has been deemed significant enough that a District Director's Order (DDO) was assigned to this project from the Applicant. The replacement of this failing culvert system will involve jack and bore methodology to abandon the failed piping, and then replacement and realignment of the culvert system with similar double 84-inch RCP. The construction of the jacking pits will require the removal of 1,250 yd<sup>3</sup> of soil to a depth of 15 feet and the removal of 150 linear feet of concrete trapezoidal ditch structure. Following installation of the new culvert system, the jacking pits will be backfilled to the original grade and the concrete trapezoidal ditch will be restored to pre-construction conditions.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Transportation – District 11

**Exempt Status (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268).
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)).
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)).
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason why project is exempt:** Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA.

**Responsible Agency**

**Contact Person:** George Geatz

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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  
\_ Yes or \_ No

**Signature:**

**Date:** 9/16/2022

**Title:** Executive Officer

Signed by Responsible Agency      Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resource Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resource Code.